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The Department of Public Health's Traffic S.A.F.E. (Safety Awareness For Everyone) Program received \$466,802.00 through a grant from The California Office of Traffic Safety through the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency. This funding will be used to provide outreach and education to the public about Driving Under-the-Influence and Occupant Restraints with special consideration given to children and adults up to 34 years of age.

According to the Office of Traffic Safety most recent statistics show that motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death and hospitalization among children 0-16 years of age in the United States. In addition, alcohol and other drug related crashes are also claiming the lives of our youth everyday. Every 31 minutes someone dies in an alcohol related crash.

In response to these important issues, the Traffic S.A.F.E. Program will provide education and awareness to our youth and adults in the County of San Bernardino about the perils of drinking and driving and the importance of correct seatbelt use. The Traffic S.A.F.E Program is also committed to providing traffic related injury prevention services to all residents by offering car seat safety classes and car seat check up events that are designed to provide parents and caregivers personal instruction and education from a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. For more information regarding this program and its services, please call **1-800-722-3578**.

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